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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC

Docket No. CP15-91-000

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED  
**LOUDON EXPANSION PROJECT** AND  
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

On March 24, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued in Docket No. CP15-91-000 a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Loudon Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). In response to scoping comments and data requested by FERC staff, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (East Tennessee) has developed Route G-1 as its new proposed route for the above-referenced project in Monroe and Loudon Counties, Tennessee. FERC staff is further evaluating Alternative Route B as described in East Tennessee's February 20, 2015 filing, the Eastside Alternate Route as described in its May 8, 2015 filing, Alternate Route G as described in its July 10, 2015 filing, as well as the originally proposed route (Route F). This Supplemental Notice is being issued to seek comments on the new Proposed Route G-1 and the alternatives mentioned above, and opens a new scoping period for interested parties to file comments on environmental issues specific to these routes.

The March 24, 2015 NOI announced that the FERC staff will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to address the environmental impacts of the Loudon Expansion Project (Project). Please refer to the NOI for more information about the overall facilities proposed by East Tennessee in Tennessee, and FERC staff's EA process. The Commission will use the EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the Project is in the public convenience and necessity.

We<sup>1</sup> are now specifically seeking comments on the new Proposed Route G-1, Alternate Route B, Alternate Route G, and the Eastside Alternate Route to help the Commission staff evaluates all potential environmental impacts. **Please note that this supplemental scoping period will close on August 27, 2015.**

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<sup>1</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

This Supplemental Notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this Project, including landowners along the originally proposed route (Route F) and new landowners that would be affected by the new proposed route (Route G-1) or the alternate routes (Alternate Routes B, G, and the Eastside Alternate Route).

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if the easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

### **Public Participation**

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission will provide equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided verbally. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the [eComment](#) feature located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can file your comments electronically using the [eFiling](#) feature located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "[eRegister](#)." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing;" or

- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

### **Summary of the New Proposed Route G-1 and Alternate Routes B, G, and Eastside**

Following original Route F until milepost (MP) 1.5, the new Proposed Route G-1 would then turn east, cross under Tennessee State Highway 72 and parallel it until MP 3.1 where it would meet and be collated with East Tennessee's existing Loudon-Lenoir City Lateral pipeline. Alternate Route G and the Eastside Alternate Route would follow similar paths but each route would be located slightly farther east, rejoining and paralleling the Loudon-Lenoir City Lateral pipeline at approximately MP 3.5. All three of these routes would cross Tellico Lake. Alternate Route B would start at the same location as all other routes, but would then proceed west of those routes, avoiding Lake Tellico completely, rejoining and paralleling the Loudon-Lenoir City Lateral pipeline at approximately MP 5.4.

Overview and aerial maps of the previously proposed route, newly proposed route, and the three alternate routes are included in Appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

### **Currently Identified Environmental Issues**

We have identified several issues that we think deserve attention for our comparison of the new proposed route and three alternatives based on a review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by East Tennessee. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- waterbodies;
- karst geology, including caves; and

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<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

- candidate and listed threatened or endangered species.

### **Environmental Mailing List**

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; commenters; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes landowners affected by the pipelines as currently proposed, as well as landowners that may be affected by the Kemblesville Loop Alternative Route 2. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed Project.

Copies of the completed EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. **If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of a CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (Appendix 2).**

### **Becoming an Intervenor**

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission’s final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User’s Guide under the “e-filing” link on the Commission’s website.

### **Additional Information**

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP15-91). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically

providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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